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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

# International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

## Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/50/747-E/1995/126) on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). During the consideration of the report, a representative of the Secretary-General provided additional information to the Advisory Committee.

2. The report of the Secretary-General is prepared in response to the request contained in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 49/160 of 23 December 1994.

3. In paragraph 5 of its resolution 49/160, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to re-examine the issue, at a resumed session to take place after the Fourth World Conference on Women and before the Third Committee of the General Assembly considered the item on the advancement of women at the fiftieth session.

4. In paragraph 6 of the same resolution, the General Assembly decided to take a final decision on the proposed merger at its fiftieth session "taking into account the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council and the

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deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session and of the Fourth World Conference on Women concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women".

5. The Advisory Committee points out that the report of the Secretary-General (A/50/747-E/1995/126) does not specify what was the result of the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session and of the Fourth World Conference on Women concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women. The Advisory Committee draws attention to the fact that the deliberations in the Commission and in the Conference are among the prerequisites set by the General Assembly for re-examining the issue by the Council and for a final decision of the Assembly on the issue.

6. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 1 of chapter II, "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace", of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session, 1/ that the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of INSTRAW and UNIFEM (A/49/217-E/1994/103) was made available to the Commission. Paragraphs 334 and 335 of chapter V, "Institutional arrangements", of the report of the Fourth World Conference on Women 2/ and paragraphs 76 to 80 of the report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Conference (A/50/744) refer to the mandates of INSTRAW and UNIFEM and activities to be undertaken by both organizations for the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the Conference.

7. The Advisory Committee recalls that, in its report of 7 September 1994 on the proposed merger (A/49/365), the Committee raised a number of administrative and budgetary issues which needed further clarification. Additional information on these issues is contained in paragraphs 11 to 21 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/50/747-E/1995/126). In the course of its review of the additional information, the Advisory Committee came to the conclusion that the issues raised in the Committee's previous report (A/49/365) remain yet to be responded to and substantiated in detail; these include among the longer-term perspective of the merger a clear analysis of the financial benefits resulting from the merger and of the relative advantages and disadvantages of the two locations.

8. In this connection the Advisory Committee also recalls that the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has outlined in its decision 95/18 of 14 June 1995 specific steps that the Administrator of UNDP must take to address UNIFEM's financial and administrative situation, such as a further reduction in the administrative expenditure to a level more consistent with the resources for UNIFEM's projects. The Committee raised this issue with the representative of the Secretary-General and was informed that the financial situation of UNIFEM was not directly relevant to the merger, since under the proposal the two funds would not be mingled.

9. As can be seen from paragraph 7 above, the Advisory Committee received little that is new on the subject of administrative and financial arrangements. Moreover, the Advisory Committee points out that neither the Commission on the

Status of Women nor the Fourth World Conference on Women has specifically addressed the question of the proposed merger. It is the opinion of the Advisory Committee that this issue is not merely related to administrative and budgetary arrangements; rather it requires a policy decision as to whether the proposed merger should be implemented.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 6 (E/1995/26).

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 27 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I hereby have the honour to transmit the text of a statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 29.

(Signed) S. LAVROV

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ANNEX

Statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, of 24 October 1995

The Federation Council sends its warmest congratulations to all States Members of the United Nations on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and assures other Members of the United Nations that the Russian Federation, as a reliable and responsible member of the world community, intends to play an active role within this international Organization in realizing the potential of a unique world-wide forum capable of resolving the most complex problems of maintaining peace and international security and of creating the conditions for the economic, social, environment and moral progress of mankind.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

# Draft amendments to the Financial Regulations to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations

## Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in section I of its resolution 49/233 of 23 December 1994 decided, inter alia, that the financial period for each peace-keeping operation would be from 1 July to 30 June, and requested the Secretary-General to submit the necessary draft amendments to the Financial Regulations for approval by the General Assembly at its resumed forty-ninth session.

2. The Financial Regulations of the United Nations that are affected by this decision are Regulations 2.1 and 11.4. The following proposed amendments to these two Regulations are submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval:

(a) Financial Regulation 2.1

(i) Current:

"The financial period shall consist of two consecutive calendar years, the first of which shall be an even year."

(ii) Proposed:

"The financial period shall consist of two consecutive calendar years, the first of which shall be an even year, except for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, whose financial periods shall be one year from 1 July to 30 June."

(b) Financial Regulation 11.4

(i) Current:

"The accounts for the financial period shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period."

(ii) Proposed:

"The accounts for the financial period, except those for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period. The annual accounts for peace-keeping operations with special accounts shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors not later than 30 September each year."

3. Appropriate revisions to Financial Rule 111.4 will be promulgated following the approval by the General Assembly of the amendments proposed in paragraph 2 above.

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QUESTION OF CYPRUS

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Letter dated 27 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 November 1995, addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Osman Ertuğ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council

(Signed) Hüseyin E. ÇELEM
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 27 November 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative during the plenary meetings of the General Assembly that were held on 26 and 27 October 1995 on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year (see A/50/PV.44). This statement contains allegations that are totally unfounded and do not conform to the realities of Cyprus. In view of the absence of any Turkish Cypriot delegate at the said meeting, owing to the usurpation and continued monopolization of the title of the "Government of Cyprus" by the Greek Cypriot side since 1963, I am compelled to respond to these allegations in writing in order to set the record straight.

The allegations put forward by the Greek Cypriot representative have been amply dealt with and rejected previously. I will, therefore, confine myself to reiterating that the representative of the Greek Cypriot side glosses over the fact that it is the Greek Cypriots who are responsible for the division of the island with their decades-long campaign to convert the binational island of Cyprus into a Greek island at the expense of the Turkish Cypriots. Presently, the only occupation in Cyprus is the 32-year-old occupation of the seat of Government of the once bicommunal Republic of Cyprus by the Greek Cypriot side.

As regards the subject of youth matters, the Greek Cypriots are among the least qualified people to complain about this issue since, for 32 years, they have been depriving the Turkish Cypriot youth of the full enjoyment of their basic rights and aspirations. The Turkish Cypriots right freely to travel abroad, trade and communicate with the outside world, compete in international sporting events or take part in cultural activities are all denied to them as part of the Greek Cypriot side's inhuman embargo in all fields and its policy of isolating the Turkish Cypriots from the rest of the world.

In addition, since the usurpation, by the Greek Cypriot side, of the title of "Government of Cyprus" by force of arms in 1963, the Greek Cypriot administration has been usurping practically all international aid, including credits and loans, given to Cyprus to be used for the benefit of both peoples of the island. As a result of this and the severe embargo, a huge economic disparity has been created between the two communities of Cyprus. The adverse effects of this disparity, together with the social and psychological factors associated with isolation, are especially visible on Turkish Cypriot youth.

It is relevant to note in the context of youth matters that, for three days running from 7 to 9 November 1995, hundreds of Greek Cypriot students, encouraged and supported by their leadership, staged violent demonstrations along the borders, violating the buffer zone and causing considerable injury to Turkish Cypriots as well as members of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), and damage to property. The incitement of Greek Cypriot youth to such militant and irresponsible behaviour and the poisoning of young minds with anti-Turkish propaganda do not augur well for future reconciliation on the

island, since confidence-building is particularly important for younger generations.

The abuse of Greek youth in the manner described above and the exploitation of youth matters for political purposes can hardly be conducive to the ongoing efforts to facilitate the search for a solution through confidence-building between the two sides. The Greek Cypriot leadership must, therefore, stop leading the Greek Cypriot youth into the blind alley of hatred, through a policy of indoctrination and militancy, and start teaching them values of friendship and respect for their Turkish Cypriot neighbours, so that the present deterioration in intercommunal relations may be arrested and reversed.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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